

Biggin Hill Residents Association

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| **Date** | Monday 17th March 2025 |  |
| Location | Blundell’s Biggin Hill |  |
| Those present: Rosemary Charleton, , Kim Cross, Michael Saxon, Luan Hannaford, Peter Martin, David Haslam Annie Webb, Tony Scullion |  |

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| Agenda Item | Action | Person responsible |
| 1 | **To Open the Meeting** | Peter opened the meeting with a few short welcoming words and moved straight on to the agenda below | Peter |
| 2 | **Apologies** | Apologies were received from Melanie Stevens, Sophie Dunbar, Ian Ramage.Simon Turner was absent |  |
| 3 | **Minutes of the meeting held on the 10th February 2025** | The minutes of the February were passed as follows:Proposed: AnnieSeconded: LuanPassed: All |  |
| **4** | **Financial Report** | Tony presented his usual spreadsheet, which showed receipts in February of £501.25, the majority of which was £360 from the Choi Pin restaurant for the Chinese New Year event, £78 in membership fees (we now have 263 members) and £63.25 for merchandise sales.Payments were £220.81, which were £146.39 for the Choi Pin expenses, £27.58 for business cards and £40 for the email address registration.This left total funds available of £2,432.49.Future finance includes £309.00 insurance to pay, and £500 for defibrillator batteries, which the airport has agreed to pay for. | Tony |
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| **5** | **Constitution**  | There was a considerable amount of discussion on this subject, occasioned by 2 current local issues – the Spitfire campaign and the Solar Farm.Luan has been contacted by a lady called Kelly, complaining that the Residents Association is active on the Save Our Spitfire campaign, but not the solar farm. It’s essentially the difference between commercial versus community projects. Peter agreed to check the National Residents Association guidelines and suggested a 50 email minimum before we take any action. David will draw up a response long-term, but in the meantime we will invite Kelly to the next meeting, when we will expect a reasoned argument.It was noted that the Constitution can only be changed at an AGM | Peter, David |
|  **6** | **Spitfire Community Project** | Steve James is in control of this and is setting up a Community Interest Company, and is organising a public meeting. Bromley Council are not interested in a lease – they want the money.Residents in Sunningvale Avenue are against extending the Valley centre and are drawing up a petition.We should keep these two issues separate but support each other. |  |
| **7** | **Social Events** | Lynne Martin ran through the arrangements for the St George’s Day event, which is on the 26th April.Currently there has been a lower uptake than previous years, with 22 tickets sold so far – the maximum No in the church is 100. Costs are £250 for the Hoi Polloi band and £150 for the Morris dancers. Tickets are £25, of which the fish and chips are £9.50. Kim offered to to sell tickets as well as the church, and it was felt that committee members should encourage ticket sales. Additionally we need prizes for the raffle. There will also be bunting.Other events are: Quiz night on the 29th March, which currently has 7 tables (but no Peter).A Chinese meal at the Choi Pin on the 11th July.Teddy Bears Picnic on the 11th May – this might not be at the Spitfire but we might be able to use the airport museum instead, and Kim offered the use of the Studio at Blundell’s. Annie suggested 2 weeks to sort it out.Also mentioned was a themed evening at the Crown, with no date given. Peter and Annie are going on Thursday to discuss the theme.There may be a Disco Bingo on the 13th September.Finally, Kim’s son Drew Cameron will give a talk at the Xmas event on the 29th November | Lynne, Kim, Peter, Annie |
| **8** | **Publicity** | Luan has done all the events and updated the merchandise price list. | Luan |
| **9** | **Retail Opportunities**  | We might withdraw from the Flying Machine, but goods are still selling at the Lookout Café. Fred will ask the Social Club. | Fred |
| **10** | **De-fibrillators** | The money £500 is now in from the airport. |  |
| **10** | **A.O.B.** | None |   |

**Date of next Meeting: (all at Blundell’s starting at 7.30pm): Monday 14th April 2025.**